

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to switching between a point-to-multipoint channel and a point-to-point channel for
5 transmitting multicast data from a mobile communication network to a mobile station. According to a first aspect of the invention, the mobile station determines the link quality of a point-to-multipoint channel employed for the transmission and requests from the network a switch to a
10 point-to-point channel in case the determined link quality is too low. According to a second aspect of the invention, the network estimates the link quality of a point-to-multipoint channel while using at least a point-to-point channel for the transmission of multicast data, and orders
15 the mobile station to switch to this point-to-multipoint channel, in case the estimated link quality of the point-to-multipoint channel is sufficiently high.